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TAGS: PROG EG  
SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL ACTION ON YEMEN

SUMMARY. STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ARAB LEAGUE  
COUNCIL AGAINST PDRY "FIRST OF THEIR KIND." COUNCIL  
ORDERED "FREEZING" OF POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
AND SUSPENDING OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS.

EDITORIALISTS FOLLOWING LEAD OF SADAT CONFIDANT ANIS MANSOUR BLAME SOVIETS FOR YEMENI EVENTS AND CALL UPON ARABS TO WAKE UP TO SOVIET THREAT COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS HAVE FORMALIZED EXISTING SPLIT IN ARAB WORLD IN UNPRECEDENTED MANNER. GOE CAN, HOWEVER, TAKE SOME COMFORT THAT MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HAVE GONE ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF ITS VIEWS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS. AHRAM AND AKHBAR MAIN STORY JULY 3 WAS OUTCOME OF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING ON YEMEN. "RESPONSIBLE ARAB SOURCE" DESCRIBED RESOLUTIONS AS "STRONGEST" THAT LEAGUE HAS EVER ADOPTED AGAINST A MEMBER. RESOLUTIONS CONDEMN ASSASSINATION OF YAR PRESIDENT GHASHMI AND DENOUNCE THOSE WHO MASTERMINDED AND EXECUTED THE CRIME; ORDER "FREEZING" OF MEMBER STATES' POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PDRY; ORDER "SUSPENSION" OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AND TECHNICAL AID EXTENDED BY ARAB COUNTRIES TO PDRY. (AKHBAR REPORTS "OBSERVERS" CONSIDER RESOLUTION "CUTTING ECONOMIC AID" BECAUSE PDRY DEPENDS WHOLLY ON ARAB ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID.) COUNCIL RESOLVED TO REVIEW THE ABOVE MEASURES ONLY WHEN PDRY AGREES TO RESPECT RULES OF ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER. ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT NOTIFYING THOSE STATES WHICH DID NOT ATTEND (SYRIA, IRAQ, LYBIA, ALGERIA, DJIBOUTI, PDRY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PLO).

2. AHRAM EDITORIAL SAID LEAGUE MEETING DEALS ONLY WITH SURFACE PHENOMENON OF MORE PROFOUND PROBLEM AFFECTING ARAB SOLIDARITY. MERE CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF AGGRESSION, VIOLENCE, AND INTERFERENCE NOT SUFFICIENT; RATHER COUNCIL SHOULD PROBE THE QUESTION OF "INTERNAL COLLAPSE" IN ARAB RELATIONSHIPS. WRITING IN AKHBAR, CHIEF EDITOR AND BOARD CHAIRMAN MOUSSA SABRI BELIEVES EVEN EXPULSION OF PDRY WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR IT WILL NOT STOP "SOVIET PLANNING." WHAT NEEDED IS UNIFORM ARAB STRATEGY TO DETACH PDRY AND OTHER REJECTIONISTS FROM SOVIET CONNECTION.

3. SADAT CONFIDANT, OCTOBER EDITOR ANIS MANSOUR, WROTE JULY 2 THAT SADAT SEES NORTH YEMEN AS EGYPT'S BORDER BECAUSE IT BORDERS ON SAUDI ARABIA WHICH FACES SUDAN' SADAT HAD TOLD SUDANESE DEL THAT USSR NOW LAYING IN WAIT FOR EGYPT, SUDAN, AND SAUDI ARABIA. MANSOUR GOES ON TO SAY INFLAMED BELT ENCIRCLING AFRICA AND AMERICA IS STANDING WITH INDIFFERENCE BEFORE IT ALL. THE ARABS MUST WAKE UP TO FACT THAT SOVIETS ARE COMING

FROM YEMEN AND ETHIOPIA FROM THE EAST, THE WEST, AND  
THE NORTH."

4. COMMENT. FOLLOWING MANSOUR (I.E. SADAT) LEAD,  
EDITORIALS PUT YEMEN SITUATION IN WIDER CONTEXT OF SOVIET/  
CUBAN ACTIVITIES WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR DISRUPTING ARAB  
UNITY TOGETHER WITH "REJECTIONISTS" WHO ALLOWING IT  
TO HAPPEN. EVEN THOUGH RESOLUTIONS STOPPED SHORT F  
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